

# Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: May 12, 2008

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Subject: **Agenda Item 9: Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to SMM-0741 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design of the Pacoima Wash Greenway-First Street Park, San Fernando.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing an amendment to SMM-0741 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design of the Pacoima Wash Greenway-First Street Park, San Fernando.

Legislative Authority: Sections 33204.2(a) and 33204.27(a) of Public Resources Code.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has requested a change to the scope of work for SMM-0741. The parcels originally targeted for acquisition in Devils Canyon were sold to another party. MRCA has requested that the remaining Proposition 40 funds in the amount of \$332,882.55 be used for the project planning and design of the Pacoima Wash Greenway-First Street Park in the City of San Fernando.

The First Street Park will be located on a 3.6-acre parcel adjacent to the Pacoima Wash. The property is owned by the City of San Fernando and is also adjacent to the planned Pacoima Wash Mountain Bikeway. The Bikeway will connect the First Street Park with the MRCA's Eighth Street Park. If feasible, this project will collect and treat industrial and residential runoff onsite, similar to the Eighth Street Park. The park will also feature native riparian plants, pedestrian and cyclist amenities such as benches, a drinking fountain, interpretive elements, and shade trees, and will serve as a natural park and rest stop for users of the Bikeway. The funds will be used for project planning and design, including engineering feasibility studies of stormwater runoff treatment options.